

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Request for Review by)	CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21
Unicom, Inc. of Decision of)	
Universal Service Administrator)	

JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Commission's Rules,¹ Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation ("YKHC") and General Communication, Inc. ("GCI"), by its undersigned attorneys, hereby request an extension of time until November 19, 2001 to Respond to the Petition for Review filed by Unicom, Inc. ("Unicom") in the above-referenced proceeding.

On October 9, 2001, Unicom, Inc. filed a self-styled complaint with the Universal Service Administrative Company regarding YKHC procurement practices and related requests for Rural Health Care Division ("RHCD") funding. GCI is a party to the contract that is the basis for the dispute between YKHC and Unicom. YKHC and GCI opposed the Unicom complaint on both procedural and substantive grounds, including Unicom's standing to bring the complaint.²

Commission rules provide that oppositions to a Petition for Review be filed within 10 days.³ If these rules apply to the filing by Unicom, the time for filing an opposition would expire

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(c).

² See Letter from Lloyd Benton Miller et al, Attorneys for YKHC, to Mel Blackwell, USAC, dated Jan. 26, 2001; Letter from Martin M. Weinstein, Attorney for GCI, to Mel Blackwell, USAC, dated Jan. 26, 2001.

³ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.45, 54.720.

on October 24, 2001. Due to an unavoidable scheduling conflict with GCI's attorney and out of an abundance of caution, YKHC and GCI respectfully request an extension of time until November 19, 2001 to file their responses. In addition, counsel for GCI has contacted counsel for Unicom regarding this request, and counsel for Unicom interposed no objection.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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